

REVENUE DEPARTMENT[701]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 421.14, the Department of Revenue hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 40, "Determination of Net Income," Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment revises rule 701—40.15(422), introductory paragraph, by adding a phrase that makes the Iowa rule consistent with the federal 1040 tax form instructions and 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 322, section 4.

The proposed amendment will not necessitate additional expenditures by political subdivisions or agencies and entities that contract with political subdivisions.

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this amendment would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on this proposed amendment on or before October 27, 2009. Such written comments should be directed to the Policy Section, Taxpayer Services and Policy Division, Department of Revenue, Hoover State Office Building, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

Persons who want to convey their views orally should contact the Policy Section, Taxpayer Services and Policy Division, Department of Revenue, at (515)281-8036 or at the Department of Revenue offices on the fourth floor of the Hoover State Office Building.

Requests for a public hearing must be received by October 29, 2009.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 422.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 701—40.15(422), introductory paragraph, as follows:

701—40.15(422) Reporting of incomes by married taxpayers who file a joint federal return but elect to file separately for Iowa income tax purposes. Married taxpayers who have separate incomes and have filed jointly for federal income tax purposes can elect to file separate Iowa returns or to file separately on the combined Iowa return form. Where married persons file separately, both must use the optional standard deduction if either elects to use it, or both must claim itemized deductions if either elects to claim itemized deductions. The provisions of Treasury Regulation § 1.63-1 are equally applicable regarding the election to use the standard deduction or itemized deductions for Iowa income tax purposes. The spouses' election to file separately for Iowa income tax purposes is subject to the condition that incomes received by the taxpayers and the deductions for business expenses are allocated between the spouses as the incomes and deductions would have been allocated if the taxpayers had filed separate federal returns. Any Iowa additions to net income and any deductions to net income which pertain to taxpayers filing separately for Iowa income tax purposes must also be allocated accurately between the spouses. Thus, if married taxpayers file a joint federal return and elect to file separate Iowa returns or separately on the combined Iowa return, the taxpayers are required to compute their separate Iowa net incomes as if they had determined their federal adjusted gross incomes on separate federal returns with the Iowa adjustments to net income.